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1. The concentration camp in Vlashuk, Albania is located approximately 20 kilometers east of Lushnje on the bank of Devoll River. The camp consists of a group of wooden barracks surrounded by a barbed wire fence approximately two and one-half meters high. There are approximately 15 observation towers located along the fence to guard the compound. A guard armed with a sub-machine gun and a high-powered spot light is stationed on each tower. The camp is guarded by a detachment of approximately 75 police agents under the command of an unidentified major.
2. Close relatives are permitted to visit the prisoners once every three months. Permission for visits must be obtained from the Sigurimi office (Albanian I. S.) of the area in which the prisoner formerly resided. A guard is present at all times during the visit. 25X1
3. The camp was organized in 1951 when work was begun on the irrigation of the Myzeqe plains. It was the general opinion of the local population that the concentration camp was established in the area to provide forced labor for the irrigation project. 25X1
4. There are approximately 1,800 inmates in the camp, most of whom are serving long sentences for "political crimes". Each prisoner is compelled to work from 10 to 12 hours per day on the Myzeqe project alongside the so-called "volunteer work brigade" which consists of all of the male population from 20 to 61 years of age from the neighboring villages who are expected to donate some of their time and effort to the project. If a person cannot meet his work quota, he may bring a younger member of his family to assist him. 25X1

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